Bridge near the S. C. Seminary junction, Tiruvalla.

102. **MR. JOSEPH KUNJU** (*Changanachery cum Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long it is since the portion of the Main Central road between the S. C. Seminary junction and the Tukalassery Anglican Church junction of Tiruvalla has been closed for traffic;

(*b*) the reason why it has not been repaired till now (18-10-1107), so as to render it fit for traffic;

(*c*) whether the new bridge put up there by the Public Works Department, in place of the old one, is to be reconstructed as it is in a state of disrepair;

(*d*) if so, the reason why it got damaged;

(*e*) if the said bridge has thus been damaged, the amount of loss sustained by them; and

(*f*) if they have incurred such loss, the person responsible for the same?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) About one year and five months.

(*b*) Owing to the treacherous nature of the foundations, it was considered advisable to carry out test loading on the abutments before completing the superstructure. A wooden platform on R. S. girders has been substituted for the reinforced concrete platform originally intended for the bridge decking. The R. S. girders have been ordered and the bridge will be completed soon after they arrive.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

(*e*) No actual loss has been sustained. Extra expenditure has been incurred on account of the test loading considered necessary and the work connected with carrying it out.

(*f*) The question of responsibility does not arise as the extra work was of a nature reasonably contingent upon the execution of a work of this nature in a treacherous sub-soil.

Clerks appointed in the Secretariat during 1104-1107.

103. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of clerks appointed in the Secretariat in each of the years 1104, 1105, 1106 and in the first half of 1107; and

(*b*) how many of them are—

(i) Sambavars;
(ii) Cheramars;
(iii) Fishermen;
(iv) Saliyas;
(v) members of the Yogisvara community;
(vi) members of the Krishnamvakai community;
(vii) Chetties;
(viii) Maravars;
(ix) Barbers; and
(x) Kammalas (Asaris)?

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